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SUBJECT: BRITISH TRADE UNION LEADER AMONG VICTIMS  
OF DC-10 AIR DISASTER

1. JAMES ("JIM") CONWAY, 58, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE  
ENGINEERING SECTION OF THE AMALGAMATED UNION OF  
ENGINEERING WORKERS (AUEW), WAS AMONG THE VICTIMS OF  
THE DC-10 AIR DISASTER NEAR PARIS ON MARCH 3.

2. CONWAY WAS CONSIDERED A CLEARLY MODERATE LEADER  
WITHIN THE AUEW AND THE BRITISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.  
ALTHOUGH AS GENERAL SECRETARY HE DID NOT POSSESS A  
VOTE ON THE UNION'S EXECUTIVE, HE WIELDED SOME  
INFLUENCE WITHIN THE UNION BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL  
BELIEFS AND THROUGH HIS SIGNED EDITORIALS IN THE AUEW  
JOURNAL, OF WHICH HE WAS EDITOR. IT IS LIKELY THAT  
ERNIE ROBERTS, AN ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY OF AUEW'S  
ENGINEERING SECTION, AND A LEFT-WINGER WHOM CONWAY  
DEFEATED FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S POST IN 1972, WILL  
BE A MAJOR CONTENDER TO FILL THE VACANCY.

3. THE AFL-CIO AND THOSE OF ITS AFFILIATES WHICH ARE  
AUEW COUNTERPARTS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS  
FEDERATION MAY WISH TO SEND CONDOLENCES TO MRS.

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CONWAY, WHO TOGETHER WITH A 20-YEAR OLD SON, SURVIVES.

THESE MAY BE ADDRESSED TO MRS. JAMES CONWAY, C/O  
AMALGAMATED UNION OF ENGINEERING WORKERS, 110 PECKHAM  
ROAD, LONDON, SE15 5EL.

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